

Private coaching centres

712. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that private coaching centres charge a huge sum from students preparing for entrance examinations like IIT-JEE, NEET and UGC-NET;
- (b) if so, the Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government is planning to provide free coaching to students and establish affordable training centers in the country for the benefit of students who are planning to appear for these highly competitive examinations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (d) Private Coaching Institutes do not come under the purview of this Ministry. Many of these operate at the school level and hence are under the direct purview of the State Governments. However, this Ministry has issued directions to all State Governments to take steps for effective regulation of such centres. At present, there is no proposal to establish affordable training centres for preparation of entrance examination. However, in the interest of students including the most disadvantaged, Government has launched Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), which offers interactive course content such as video lectures, reading material, self-assessment through tests and quizzes and online discussion forum for clearing doubts for students from Class 9 to post-graduation. The content can be accessed free of cost by anyone, anywhere at any time. Another initiative of the Government called Indian Institute of Technology - Professor Assisted Learning (IIT-PAL) provides video content in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics prepared by IIT Professors and Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) teachers for Class XI and Class XII students aspiring to join IITs and other Institutions. The content is available free of cost on dedicated DTH channels of SWAYAM PRABHA.

NBA accreditations issue of Kuwait engineers

713. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has got representations from the Indian engineers working in Kuwait regarding the residency related issues of Indian engineers due to NBA accreditation;